

REMARKS

Applicants have amended the specification to clarify the claim of priority and respectfully request that the Examiner approve entry of this amendment. Applicants have simultaneously mailed the following documents to Mail Stop Petitions to confirm acknowledgement of the priority claims in this case: (1) Petition Under 37 C.F.R. 1.78(a) To Accept An Unintentionally Delayed Benefit Claim; (2) a Request for Corrected Filing Receipt; and (3) an Application Data Sheet to assist the Office regarding the priority claims in this case.

If the Examiner feels a telephonic interview would be helpful, Applicants request the Examiner contact one of Applicants' attorneys, Todd A. Van Thomme or Steven L. Underwood, at (616) 949-9610.

Respectfully Submitted,

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